



WHEN NEW SYMON Hardware store was built in 1935 Acton's first gas pump was taken off the street. However the pipe for filling the underground tanks remained, showing in the sidewalk on the right. Mac Symon and clerk Rod Ryder were pictured about 1942. A dentist had the upstairs office at this time. Rod Ryder was killed in an accident in 1949; Mac Symon sold the business to Mike Kinal.



AGNES MCGINNIS is using her skills to make a collection of doll costumes in fashions from 78 B.C. to modern day. She is at the present time finished up until the early 1800's. Another prize piece of work she has made, she says, is a panda bear made out of phentex wool.

Handmade

Doll costumes depict many years of fashion

Friends and relatives of Agnes McGinnis, R.R. 2, Rockwood don't dare throw out old jewellery and bits of material.

Mrs. McGinnis is enraptured with her latest hobby, that of making costumes for dolls to depict eras of fashion. Her dolls range from 78 B.C. to the early 1800's and she plans to continue on to modern day dress. So far she has completed 25 dolls.

After borrowing the book "20,000 Years of Fashion" from the Acton High School, during the summer Mrs. McGinnis set out on her task. She takes great pains to make sure the costume is the exact replica of the era she is working on, complete with hair styles, jewellery, and under-clothing.

When she buys the dolls, Mrs. McGinnis says, the hair is straight and she must curl it herself. She even paints the eyes and puts on a few moles on faces to make them appear more realistic!

The most time it has taken her to do a job is ten hours,

which Mrs. McGinnis finds too long. She sews fringe on the gowns, buttons where needed, and all the paraphernalia to go with them. These include bejewelled canes, fringed parasols, crowns, earrings and rings and many more dainty features.

Mrs. McGinnis says she is surprised at how much fashion repeats itself over the years, and is learning a lot about history as she goes on.

The debut of her collection was made a few weeks ago at the Acton High School. Many of her dolls were on display for a week for students to see. Her sister, Mrs. E. Cole, is a secretary there, and reports many favorable remarks about them by both teachers and pupils.

Eventually Mrs. McGinnis would like to purchase a van and put the dolls on exhibit, taking them around to the various places for everyone to see.

The seamstress's talents do not stop in the doll-making craft. She had a booth of handicrafts she has made in

the Acton Fall Fair in September selling children's toys, tissue box covers etc. Mrs. McGinnis admits modestly she dabbles in all handicrafts except macramé, and is not too good at oil painting.

Of all the crafts Mrs. McGinnis is good at and enjoys, she finds the dolls' costumes the most interesting. She enjoys the job and is looking forward to continuing.

It was Alex

The man identified as Bob Angell in last week's pictures of Brookville Remembrance service was actually Alex Richards. Sorry.



JACK SYMON stands by Acton's first gas pump on Mill St., installed by his father James Symon. A small platform extended out into the street. In the background is the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown, now located on Highway 7 east of town. Jack died in 1930.

Uncover chapter in town history — first gas pump

Underground gas tanks, uncovered in the Mill St. excavation, mark the site of Acton's first gas station. It was located in front of Kinal's Home Hardware.

One tank was empty but the other still had eight inches or so of gas in it. The fumes from the gas filled the air for a short time as the second tank was dug out and trucked away early Monday morning.

The Symon family operated a hardware store in the location where Family Pool Sales is now, when they decided to have a gas pump on the town's main street. The number of automobiles was growing steadily. Next door, where the old movie theatre had been, the Symons had warehouse space. They installed the gas tanks underground and a pump in front of this old building.

The warehouse was subsequently torn down and the Symons built their new hardware store, which is now Home Hardware. They moved in 1935, and by then the gas pump was no longer in use.

Mac Symon remembers the gas pump well. He says a platform was built out from the sidewalk into the roadway so the cars could be easily filled up with gas. However as traffic increased it became a problem in the roadway.

A long dip stick was used to check the amount of gas left in the tanks. It was left in the basement of Home Hardware and makes an unusual souvenir of a part of Acton's history.

In 1913 Symon Hardware became established in the location where Family Pool Sales is, in 1913. With the introduction of a few automobiles in town, James Symon added gas to his stock along with stove oil and such. Gasoline would be delivered behind the store in a 45-gallon drum, and Mac remembers when one drum would last quite a while! The gas would be dipped out in a gallon measure, and carefully poured into the gas tank of the new automobile - which was usually located under the driver's seat.

Then as traffic increased, the Symons arranged to have the two underground tanks put in the pump outside their warehouse next door to the store.

For some years Ted Road-knight rented the gas business, but the Symons continued to pump gas when help was needed.

The store moved down Mill to where Morse Pro Hardware is now in 1928. The theatre-warehouse building was torn down and the new hardware store built which is presently Kinal's.

Ask for hydro study

Halton Region's Administration committee wants a provincially sponsored steering committee to conduct a study on the restructuring of public utility commissions in Halton Region.

The region turned down that steering committee's offer one year ago. There have been a number of studies carried out pro-

vincially and regionally on the restructuring of public utility commissions, a move generally opposed by utility commissions in the region.

Councillor Carl Eriksen brought the matter up during an administration Committee meeting Wednesday. He noted that the earlier decision had been made because the region was waiting on the Lamb Report.



WHEN GAS tank under Mill roadway was discovered and still contained oil, workmen drove a wooden plug in the outlet to make sure no carelessly tossed match fell in. Tank is now gone.

Moderation

As the province heads into winter, Ontario Hydro warns consumption of electric power goes into high gear, and asks for moderation and conservation.

The return to standard time, shorter daylight periods and colder weather bring a dramatic jump in daily demands of two to three hundred thousand kilowatts, according to H.K. Wright, Hydro's Director of Energy

Friends in Deed

Science Centre enjoyed by group

by Mrs. Emily Price
We had a very enjoyable trip to the Science Centre on Sunday afternoon and were sorry those who had to cancel due to illness could not go. However, we hope they are all feeling better, and will be able to come out and enjoy our meeting and social evening on Tuesday, November 23 at the Firehall. We hope everyone will bring a friend with them to enjoy the evening with us.

We will be drawing names next week to exchange gifts at our Christmas party on Thursday, December 9 when we will be having a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Generous donation
At our executive meeting on November 9, a cheque for

a donation of \$50 was received and we would like to thank the donors very much.

We had as guests Miss Kirsty Griffiths and Dean Mellway of the March of Dimes in Kitchener. We were very pleased to meet Dean for the first time.

The next outing will be Tuesday, November 30, when the Disabled Shopping Night will be held at the Stone Road Mall Guelph from seven to ten p.m. We hope to have a good representation from our group going. It was a great success last year, so let's hope it will be bigger and better this year.

An invitation has been received from the Happy Handy Caps Group of Guelph to their Christmas party at the Italian-Canadian Club.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, Town of Halton Hills, 36 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ontario, for

1967 Cadillac Ambulance

This vehicle is equipped with regular ambulance equipment and lights. The radio is not included. The vehicle can be seen at the Works Yard on Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., from November 22nd to 26th, 1976. This vehicle has been well maintained but is to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". It will be unlicensed.

Payment, plus Ontario Sales Tax will be by Cash or Certified Cheque.

Bids received up to 12:00 NOON, November 26th, 1976.

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- DECEMBER 11 & 12 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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